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### Agenda

#### AAPIC Government Relations, Civil Rights, and Advocacy Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, April 3 · 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Zoom:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5699048155?omn=89636872752>

The meeting will be held via teleconference in compliance with the Governor's Executive Order on the Open Meeting Law

### Attendees

**Commissioners:** Danielle Kim, Bahara Hussaini

**Staff:** Leela Ramachandran

- 1. Call to Order/Updates/Approve Draft Minutes from March 13, 2025 (5 mins)**
  - a. Commissioner Danielle Kim called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.
  - b. Commissioner Danielle moved to approve draft minutes from 3/13/25. Commissioner Bahara seconded.
  - c. Approved unanimously.
- 2. APIs CAN May 1 Advocacy Day (10 mins)**
  - a. Leela shared context about the advocacy day: will be listed as a co-sponsor, a Commissioner will be able to speak, and doing it because we support efforts to include AAPIs in civic engagement
  - b. Leela can share more numbers about how much \$\$ we are contributing to this event.
  - c. Present subcommittee members agreed they are interested in co-sponsoring. Leela will follow up with APIs CAN.
  - d. Commissioner Danielle asking how much money has been expended by subcommittees. Leela will follow up with Yasmin and get the information for subcommittee members.
  - e. April 30 is Arts & Culture advocacy day—led by ACF.
- 3. Policy Priorities for 2025-26 (35 mins)**
  - a. Commissioner Danielle shared concern about staff time and capacity.
  - b. If Commissioners are already at a hearing, they could also wear their Commissioner hat and advocate for something.
  - c. Leela will map bills to key issue areas to see where things are missing. The emerging issue of immigration falls under access to rights/resources.
  - d. Would be helpful to have a broader conversation about our key



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issue areas with the full Commission in this political moment.

**4. FY26 Budget (5 mins)**

a. Deferred until future

**5. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

a. Continue policy discussions

b. Update on budget expenditure and funds remaining

Commissioner Danielle moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:52 pm.



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